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Iowans gather for Great Places

Forums in 10 cities launch state initiative

The stage will be set for creativity, bold thought, innovation and entrepreneurship at 10 forums across the state this spring about Iowa Great Places, an initiative announced by Governor Tom Vilsack earlier this year.

"These forums will be a wonderful opportunity for Iowans to learn more about Great Places and share their visions for Great Places in Iowa," said Anita Walker, director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Forum dates and locations are as follows:

- May 19 - Western Historic Trails Center, 3434 Richard Downing Ave, Council Bluffs, 4:15-6:15 p.m.
- May 23 - National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, 350 East 3rd Street, Dubuque, 4-6 p.m.
- May 24 - Pella Opera House, 611 Franklin, Pella, 4-6 p.m.
- May 25 - Oster Regent Theater, 103 Main Street, Cedar Falls, 4-6 p.m.
- May 26 - Stanley Auditorium, 225 Iowa Avenue, Muscatine, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- June 1 - CSPA, 1103 Third Street SE, Cedar Rapids, 4-6 p.m.
- June 2 - State Historical Building Auditorium, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, 4-6 p.m.
- June 9 - Martin Ballroom, 410 Pierce Street, Sioux City, 4-6 p.m.

The forums are free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.iowagreatplaces.gov or call 515-281-8824.